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December in "lean and slipper'd pantaloon," has just tottered off the stage of action, and January, young and lusty, bounds joyously on to take his place. A fond farewell to the Old and a kindly hail to the New Year! How quickly has old Time, who—

"Delays the parallel in beauty's brow,"

added another outer ring to the tree of our mortality. But we are in no mood for musing. Our New Year article must be short and to the point. Accept, indulgent patron of THE RECORD, our congratulations of to-day—a HAPPY NEW YEAR! And now, "with malice toward none and charity for all," let us jot down upon the virgin page of the first RECORD of the New Year, a fond wish and a firm resolve to do better than we have done in the past. Forgive our mistakes and tell us when we err. Editors are not infallible, incorrigible, nor, indeed, past praying for. Our ministers publicly remember the President, and Congress, but we never heard a prayer go up from the pulpit for the poor editors. There are thousands of them throughout our land, scattering their seeds of good or evil. They are not, as a class, much given to prayer themselves—who shall say they do not need it?

But we are getting away from the New Year text. And just as we are minded to retrace our roving way a kind friend comes in with a holiday article for us to print, and we cannot do otherwise than insert it right here:

WRITTEN FOR THE RECORD.

## The Holidays.

It was four thousand years after the creation of the world, while Augustus Caesar was Emperor at Rome, and Herod, by Caesar's authority, had been made King of Judea, that the fulfillment of the "gracious promise" was realized at Bethlehem, in the birth of the "Prince of Peace," and the Feast of Nativity has usually been commemorated as one of universal rejoicing—the anniversary of the birth of a Redeemer.

The observance of this festival differs from that of Easter, for although the Feast of the Resurrection is also one of joy and thanksgiving, as the commemoration of man's redemption, the events which immediately preceded it gave it a tone of melancholy jubilation; and the solemn, wailing chant for the sacrifice on Calvary mingled with the hallelujahs of Easter. Not so with Christmas. The birth of the promised Messiah—the dawning of that glorious light which illuminated a darkened world—was welcomed by the expectant believers, and hailed by them with hosannas.

But now another of those feasts of peace and charity is passed, and quickly following comes the other grand and universal holiday; and there is no less of memory and of hope in one than there is in the other. The former tells of salvation through a Saviour; the latter is filled with recollections both sad and joyous; of aspirations and eagerness; of cravings. But perhaps New Year's day brings more real thought than other day of the whole year, as we remember our past, and picture our future. In it we would bid time stand still, and call for yesterdays to come.

Socrates has well said, "He is not idle who does nothing, but he is idle who might be better employed." How many of us, in looking into the past year, can say with truth, "I've not lost a day; the precious moments have been filled with kindnesses—with deeds of mercy—with patience and industry."

How few can say, "I've had no trouble; not a single cloud has darkened the sunshine of my moments, friends have been spared unto me; loved ones still fondly minister to my wants; prosperity has smiled upon all of my undertakings; ease, luxury and health have been my constant companions, and knowledge has been vouchsafed; evil and danger have followed at so great a distance that I have not beheld them; good and only good has been my portion. How great is the multitude who mourn for loved ones who are not; how many there are whose faces are wrinkled by sorrow, and others, whose features bespeak hunger; whose tattered tell of child and cold; and those whose knitted brow and whitened locks indicate intense mental agony."

There are parents who mourn for children lost, or gone astray. There are children that weep o'er the graves of loved and loving fathers and mothers; a wife whose life is crushed, and whose heart is broken by the unkindness of an idolized husband. There are men young in years who have grown old in looks and in heart because the wife has made his home desolate and loveless.

There are hopes that with the incoming of 1873 were bright and glorious, that have gone out with its going, and are dead. There are lost opportunities. There are troubled ones whose hearts we might have made to rejoice. There have been days in which we might have done many a deed of kindness; banded up many a broken heart.

There have been days, ay! weeks, when our lives have been only existence, because our time was wasted. Oh, fellow traveler! have we not often pushed time from us, but to wish it back again? while in vain has been our cry unto the day to stand still. Have we parted with no moment but in purchase of its waste? And what its worth? Ask the dying sinner! he can tell. And methinks I

hear his reply borne on the wind unto me: "Time is eternity." But in vain he bids time drive back his car and re-imprint the period past."

Old Time heeds him not, but tells him that his soul cannot decay; the life that he is ending is but life just beginning.

But this month, this last month of the year is not a time for regrets only. It is a time of resurrection. In it the Christ came unto us. In it death shall live and life shall rejoice. The barrenness and snow of winter shall break forth and blossom into spring. Spring shall deck herself in gorgeous apparel and be called Summer. And the first day of the new year shall be a fitting time to make new resolves; a birthday unto holiness; a beacon-light for the future. This day should be as suggestive of progress as it is of failure. Bright days are before us and we should be glad. Our aspirations after a brighter and a better world should be increased; the hours of the past are to be redeemed; the time is short: the sand-grains shiver in the glass.

"And measureless thy joy and grief,  
When time and thou shalt part forever!"

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., Dec. 31.

## Christmas in Bloomfield.

The holiday in the various Churches and Sunday Schools of our town, was, of course, the event of last week. Occurring as it did on our publication day, it was impossible for us to make any report at that time and at this late day it seems almost out of place to give a detailed description of the festival. And yet it seems to us that the commemoration of Christmas, 1873, in Bloomfield, should not be suffered to pass unrecorded in this paper, which is intended to be a faithful record of the events of our town. Our readers should therefore excuse us on that ground if we publish, in this instance, news a week old.

## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Christ Church, Rev. T. J. Danner, Rector, is very tastefully decorated. There are wreaths of evergreen placed upon the walls on either side, between the windows, each wreath surrounding a letter, the whole forming the words "God With Us." A novel feature is introduced by forming from entwined cedar foliage several arches which are sprung over the central aisle, from the pews on either side. Within the Chancel arch are erected arches of cedar, of tasteful design, the whole surmounted by a cross. A cross of cedar stands upon the altar, and from out the font springs a cross of holly and myrtle.

Full service, with Holy Communion, was held on Christmas morning, and in the evening the children's service was held; a large and beautiful Tree, loaded with presents, having been placed in the central aisle. The church was crowded with young and old, and all entered into the spirit of the joyous Christmas festival. The decoration in the church will probably remain until the approach of the season of Lent. A Christmas Tree was provided for the children of Christ Church Chapel, at Watessing, on Christmas Eve.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Sunday School of the First Presbyterian Church provided a fine entertainment for Christmas Eve, the preparations for which occupied much time and labor during the previous week. A committee had been appointed to take charge of the various duties, and it consisted of three ladies and three gentlemen. Mr. J. F. Randolph was chairman, and Messrs. T. H. Ward and L. Barrett were the other two gentlemen upon the Decoration Committee. The ladies consisted of Misses Davis, Coe, and Spalding. Through this effective organization, seconded by the efficient and cheerful aid proffered by many others, a most elaborate decoration of the Old Church was made. In the centre of the audience room depended an illuminated transparency, upon which were the words, "We have seen His star in the East." Underneath was a beautiful star, surrounded by the words "Star of Bethlehem." From this central figure there were suspended and carried to the corners of the church festoons of gift and silvered paper, interwoven with green and blue. The motto "Merry Christmas, 1873," was displayed in a semicircle upon the northern wall, and above it was a star of fine workmanship. The words "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" were displayed upon the paneling in front of the choir gallery. On the fronts of each side gallery were placed texts as follows: "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men," and "Glory to God in the Highest."

The exercises, consisting of tableaux, music and recitations, were eminently creditable to all who took part in them. In deference to the earnest wishes of many in the congregation and in accordance with the usual custom, it was expected that the decorations, or a portion of them, would be allowed to remain in position for a time. They were, however, removed in accordance with a written order of one of the trustees. This created a universal feeling of disappointment, regret, and, in a great many instances indignation. The young people of the congregation have taken a commendable interest, both in the spiritual as well as in the temporal welfare of the church and this was thought to be an unnecessary invasion of their privileges in a matter of mere taste. It is to be hoped, however, that this unpleasantness will be arranged and allowed to pass away unproductive of further ill-feeling.

## WESTMINSTER.

At the Westminster Presbyterian Church, a Christmas Tree was provided for the Sunday School children, and the entertainment took place on Wednesday evening. It was a very pleasant occasion. The church was

beautifully and appropriately ornamented, reflecting great credit upon those who planned and executed the decoration, of which the architecture of the Chapel is peculiarly susceptible; the artistic taste of the young people, taking advantage of it, the result was an exceedingly chaste and pleasing church decoration. The columns on each side are festooned with evergreen wreaths, a star of the same material being placed upon each column. The side walls are ornamented between the windows in like manner. Over the door leading to the Sunday School library is woven, in evergreen letters, the word "Hosanna." Over the door on the other side is the word, "Emmanuel." On each side of the pastor's desk we noticed a vase containing a choice array of autumn leaves and ferns. Above the large arch which encloses the recess in rear of the desk, in elegantly designed Old English letters, arranged in a semicircle, is the text: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty." A charming effect is produced just below this in the simple wreaths entwined around the two small columns which support the arch. There is a beautifully woven cross, of large size, placed upon the rear wall, in the recess, and opposite, over the entrance, is displayed a large star. The members of the Sunday School made a neat presentation for the Church Parlor, consisting of an elegant desk of French walnut, together with a chair, and some brackets, pictures, etc., for the adornment of the walls.

## M. E. CHURCH.

A Christmas festival was held in the Methodist Church on Christmas Evening. The church was tastefully decorated with evergreens, etc. There were addresses by the Pastor, Superintendent and others, together with excellent singing by the Sabbath School, select reading by Misses Collins and Langstroth, and the usual abundance of "good things" partaken of by all in the church. It was a very enjoyable occasion.

## HOPE CHAPEL.

This flourishing Sunday School had a very nice entertainment. There was a Sciopticon Exhibition, kindly given by Prof. Moore, which was keenly appreciated by the children. And then they were gladdened by the advent of Santa Claus, with a big basket of bob-bons—something good for every one.

## BAPTIST CHURCH.

We understand that the entertainment at this church took place on Friday evening, consisting of a Christmas Tree for the children of the Sunday School. There was no decoration of the church, in consideration, we presume, of the recent death in Dr. Stubbart's family.

## MONTCLAIR.

In the Village on the Heights, Christmas Eve was duly observed in the Sunday Schools, but our report of them, unfortunately, is all by hearsay, and must therefore be brief. We learn that the Congregational Church people had a most enjoyable entertainment in their Lecture Room, which no doubt was handsomely decorated. Then there was the irrepressible Tree which yields about this time every year its wondrous variety of choice fruit; and the music—speeches, etc.—a right joyous time, we are sure.

We are told that the festival as observed at the Episcopal Church was particularly fine. The Methodist Church folks also had a Christmas celebration which is reported to us as having been a complete success.

## Bloomfield Justice.

We have a decided reluctance against publishing in our columns petty criminal cases, such as constantly come up before the village Justice's Court. They are mostly mere quarrels, and we have not felt called on to spend much time in attendance at the court room. But from the most reliable information we can gather as to what transpires before that tribunal, it would seem that some reform is needed. A case recently occurred which we cannot conscientiously pass unnoticed. The affair itself was a mere squabble, but there were circumstances connected with it that ought to be brought to the notice of the Bloomfield people.

On Wednesday night of last week a citizen was occupying the Green street sidewalk in an intoxicated condition. As might be expected, he attracted the attention of a number of boys who beset and annoyed him. Subsequently he obtained a warrant against one of them for an alleged assault. The case was tried before Justice Hall on Friday night last. The complainant appeared, and was in a state of intoxication while the case was heard. He used a great deal of profane language, and conducted himself generally in a disorderly manner. Spectators were present, men and boys, and a scene of levity and disorder took place which would hardly have been tolerated in a respectable barroom.

The case was finally disposed of by the magistrate's fining the boy for assault. He was advised by several persons, who apparently thought it a trivial case, not to pay the fine. Another youngster who seems to have had some idea of the fitness of things, now entered a complaint against the complainant, and had him fined for drunkenness. With the exception of this incident the whole affair strikes us as a ridiculous and creditable one to all concerned. It was not calculated to promote good order and morality in our community. If we must have drunkenness with its kindred results, profanity, boisterous mirth, wrangling, etc., the halls where justice is supposed to be meted out does not seem to be exactly the place for such orgies.

We are no lawyer, but it seems to us that Bloomfield justice has a more exalted opin-

ion of the rights and privileges of drunken men in the streets, and in the court room, than have generally been conceded elsewhere. While the practice of boys being allowed to run the streets, and play pranks upon the unfortunate inebriate is no doubt reprehensible we feel called upon to criticize the precedents by which an intoxicated man, feeling himself aggrieved, may have boys hauled up for molesting him in the street; may appear as complainant at the court of justice, still in a drunken state; produce his witnesses, conduct his case to a successful issue, and, having established his "rights," go on his staggering way, rejoicing. Such is the picture as it appears to us. There was, to be sure the redeeming feature of a boy's coming at last to the rescue, and adding a moral to the farce which "children of a larger growth" had been enacting.

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A. LEMASSENA JR.

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## Notice.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made at the next session of the Legislature for an act to incorporate the Bloomfield Water Company for the purpose of supplying the Village of Bloomfield and places adjacent thereto with pure and wholesome water.

## Notice.

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